

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 5-7 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,720,245 to Stucchi et al. ("Stucchi").

The Examiner did indicate however that Claims 2-4, 8-13 and 15-33 would be allowable over the prior art if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, applicants cancel Claim 1 and amend each of Claims 2 and 8 to cast each of these in independent form incorporating the subject matter of canceled independent Claim 1. Similarly, applicants further cancel Claim 14 and incorporate the subject matter of canceled Claims 1 and 14 in new amended independent Claim 15. Respectfully, Claims 2, 8 and 15 as amended, now set forth allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner.

In light of the cancellation of Claim 1, dependent Claims 5, 19, 24 and 29 are being further amended to properly depend upon the now independent base Claim 2, indicated as allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Stucchi et al reference, is directed to an interconnect scheme for coaxial interconnect lines that comprises a coaxial stack having an exposed portion (see Stucchi et al., Claims 1, 13 and 14) with no teaching or suggestion of the same being used for achieving high Q circuit elements such as an inductor, a MIM-capacitor or a stable memory line, for system-on-chip (SOC) applications.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite prosecution of this case, it is respectfully requested that he call applicant's attorney at (516) 742-4343.

Respectfully submitted,



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